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## On The Move

CITY NEWSLETTER

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801-483-6000  
220 East Morris Ave  
SSL, UT 84115

Animal Service 801-483-6024  
Building Permits 801-483-6005  
Business Licensing 801-483-6063  
Code Enforcement 801-464-6712  
Fire Administration 801-483-6043  
Justice Court 801-483-6072  
Police Admin 801-412-3606  
Promise 801-483-6057  
Public Works 801-483-6045  
Recreation 801-412-3217  
Utility Billing 801-483-6074

Emergencies 911  
Police/Fire Dispatch 801-840-4000



Mayor Cherie Wood

## FUNDING OUR FUTURE: Doing the Responsible Thing for SSL Residents

Concerning this year's budget, the jump is a big one. The aim is to take a more comprehensive approach not only to maintaining the City's essential services but to take the leap in becoming more proactive with its increasing demands. Fixing, improving, or adding to our services and amenities at 2022 prices, with a 2006 budget doesn't work. This budget includes higher utility fees to fund essential water and sewer bonds; as well as a property tax increase to meet current and future levels of service citywide. Bottom line – South Salt Lake can't run today's city on yesterday's dollars.

In my 12+ years as Mayor, one item has consistently been a top priority for residents: public safety. I'm proud to say that we have excellent Police and Fire departments as well as Code Enforcement and Homeless Strategies departments. But we are at a critical juncture for maintaining essential public safety services. Our city has grown and changed over the last decade and projections show that we can expect 10,000 new residents in the next three years. We simply lack ongoing funding to support the retention and addition of qualified police and fire personnel to meet our most basic needs.

The solution is simple: Our City must create new and stable revenue to fund our Police and Fire departments.

Our City Council has proposed a Public Safety Service Special Revenue Fund specifically for public safety. A new property tax levy would generate \$3.5 million a year for that fund to hire six new police officers and four new fire department personnel. What does that mean for you? More officers and fire personnel result in an increased presence, faster response times, and ultimately, a safer city.

For the first time in our City's history, we are investing in a stormwater utility to better maintain our storm drains and keep our waterways clean. The incremental increase in sewer utility fees will fund the CVWRF upgrades required

by state and federal regulations and the increase in water utility fees is going to fund a new well. The average household will see a property tax increase of \$296 annually.

An increase in the South Salt Lake portion of property taxes is serious business and I don't take it lightly. This would be the first property tax increase in South Salt Lake in 16 years. (Remember that South Salt Lake is a single line item on your County Property Tax bill.) The median home value of a South Salt Lake residence is \$397,000 — homeowners will see a \$25/month increase in their property tax bill.

For those of you who may be disproportionately burdened by the proposed increase, my staff has identified county and city waivers and relief options in addition to utility assistance programs for those who meet income and hardship guidelines.

### Truth in Taxation PUBLIC HEARING

August 9, 2022

7 p.m.

South Salt Lake City Hall  
Council Chambers, 2nd Floor  
220 E Morris Ave

A Public Truth-in-Taxation Hearing will be held on Wednesday, August 9 at 7:00 p.m. to allow resident feedback. All are encouraged to attend, comment, and ask questions. In addition, your elected officials are available by phone and email. You can also visit [sslc.gov](http://sslc.gov) for the full budget presentation.



## Public Meetings

For more info: [www.sslc.gov](http://www.sslc.gov)

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## City Council

Wed, Aug 10, 7 p.m.

Wed, Aug 24, 7 p.m.

## Planning Commission

Thurs, Aug 4, 7 p.m.

Thurs, Aug 18, 7 p.m.

## Civilian Review Board

Mon, Aug 1, 6:30 p.m.



**WE ARE  
HIRING NOW!**

- City Planner
- Promise Family Liaison
- Sports Official
- Water Technician

visit: [sslc.gov](http://sslc.gov)

## Conserve Water SSL

During drought, little changes make a big difference.

Information on drought and current conditions are available at: [drought.utah.gov](http://drought.utah.gov).

## Flip Your Strip!

With proper installation and maintenance, waterwise landscapes save you big in the long run. Park strips are notorious water-wasters, because of their narrow size. Efficient irrigation, drought-resistant plants, and thoughtful design mean that your park strip can look stunning while you save money on your water bill. Learn about the Flip Your Strip rebate at [slowtheflow.org](http://slowtheflow.org).

## Spot a broken sprinkler?

Or something related to the city's watering system that needs attention?

Please report any issues to our SSL Neighborhoods team!



South Salt Lake  
Neighborhood Connect  
**801.464.6757**  
[connect@sslc.gov](mailto:connect@sslc.gov)

## CITY COUNCIL CORNER

### Welcoming Our New Granite Library

**Clarissa Williams, City Council At-Large**

Close your eyes. Now can you remember any of the librarians from school? Ms. Van Gundy was my elementary librarian in the little community of Ganado, AZ, on the Navajo Nation, where I attended Ganado Primary School. The school has since been torn down due to asbestos and rebuilt. I can still recall its library, the tables were placed in the center, with books lined on the wall. The carpet was red, or was it green? No matter, but the second-level balcony in that library I can still remember very well.

My teacher was Ms. Van Gundy, in her brown corduroy dress, wearing a cardigan, and with those oh-so-comfy shoes. She would lead the class up the balcony of the library, and we would sit down on floor mats for storytime. If you were lucky enough, you could grab a colorful bean bag to sit in. She would grab a book and begin to read to the class. She would occasionally incorporate the use of puppets as well. After storytime, she would ask questions, I'm sure it was to see if we were all paying attention. If you answered them properly, she would have a sticker or those cool bookmarks as prizes. After storytime, we could play for a few minutes, or otherwise, browse the books and take them home. Taking home books to read, I always thought was the best feeling. However, remembering to bring them back was always a challenge. I think if I ever had fines, it was because I was always late in returning my books. It's probably the best fine you could get.

Fast forward to the present day. South Salt Lake is welcoming a new library. Once housed in the Columbus Center, the library has a new home on the old grounds of



the old Granite High School. The building itself is magnificent. Housing thousands of new books, and waiting for readers to immerse themselves into new adventures. Inside there are areas where residents can set up for study time and even find a quiet workspace. A beautiful amphitheater has been built on the west side of the building. Now, while living in an age of technology, we do have e-books. But still, there is just something about having a book in hand. Smelling the pages of a real book brings me back to childhood. So grab your family, and tour the new library. Sign up for a library card and make memories with your family!

*Note: Opinions expressed here may not be representative of all Members of the City Council.*



## South Salt Lake City Council Action Report Summary

Full agendas, minutes, handouts and video recorded meetings available at: [sslc.com/city-government/council-meeting](http://sslc.com/city-government/council-meeting)

Date	Agenda Item	Subject	Action	Next Step
7/13/22	Resolution Amending Council Rules	A Resolution amending the Council Rules of Procedure – including: Cleanup, updates to Council email communication and adding recorded message function for public comments	Approved	No further action
7/13/22	Resolution Naming the Community Garden	A Resolution naming the Community Garden located at 3065 South 400 East as Fitts Park Community Garden	Approved	No further action
7/13/22	Ordinance Amendment	An Ordinance amending Municipal Code to bring selection requirements regarding employment of relatives and household members in line with State Law.	Approved	No further action
7/13/22	Resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of Water Revenue Bonds	Consideration of a Resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of not more than \$10,000,000 aggregate principal amount of Water Revenue Bonds, Series, and related matters	Moved to Unfinished Business for July 27 Regular meeting	Further discussion



# Public Safety

## Collaboration is the Key to HRO Success

*Message from SSLPD Chief Jack Carruth*



Homeless Resource Officer (HRO) Chad Leetham regularly attends a Multi-Agency review meeting which includes the Mental Health Unit Team with the Unified Police Department. This collaborative case management review helps outline wrap-around resources to support their clients. In conjunction with law enforcement officers, are mental health providers, homeless resource personnel, counselors, case managers and various specialty support staff.

HRO Leetham also takes time monthly to support the Mobile Crisis Outreach Team (MCOT) which meets with the Road Home Shelter, the Men's Resource Center, and Shelter the Homeless personnel to discuss those with mental health concerns to provide the appropriate support and resources. Case managers work with these clients to achieve short and long-term goals and solutions.

HRO Leetham has specialized training in crisis management, Autism, and mental health concerns. He is a leader in helping clients find the necessary tools, skills and resources to assist them. We appreciate his dedication, passion, and support in serving clients experiencing homelessness and our community.



## Men's Resource Center Neighborhood Meeting

A conversation about homelessness in our community.

**August 17, 4 p.m.**

Visit: [www.sslc.gov](http://www.sslc.gov) for virtual link

## Text a Tip to SSLPD

You can now send anonymous text and web tips to the SSLPD! To send an anonymous text tip:

Text your tip to 274-637 (CRIMES).

1. Start your text message with the keyword: **SSLPD**
2. Within a minute, you will receive a text message with your alias. This confirms that your text message was received. The alias identifier is used by the officer to communicate with you, through text, regarding the tip you submitted.
3. Remember, the officer does not know your identity or location.

## Join Us at Night out Against Crime

*Message from SSLFD Chief Terry Addison*

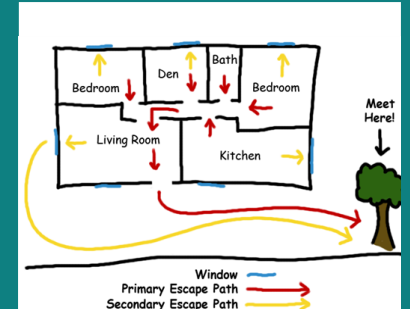
I hope everyone has enjoyed their Independence and Pioneer Day holidays. I would like to thank all of the residents in the city for your help in keeping July safe. The firework restrictions that were placed throughout the City helped our community by drastically limiting the firework-related fires that we previously responded to years past. Not only did this help in property conservation and life safety, but it also helped the City save a much-needed resource; water.

On August 2, from 5 pm to 8 pm at Central Park, the SSLFD will be participating in the National Night Out Against Crime and Emergency Preparedness Fair. This is a time when we get to connect with the community and share public safety and disaster preparedness tips with our residents. The fire department will

have an inflatable firehouse where we will teach fire safety in the home. Topics will cover Exit Drills In The Home (or EDITH), the importance of smoke detectors, cooking safety, and other disaster-related safety tips.

Additionally, we will have a booth set up in to share information and recruit for our CERT program. The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program educates volunteers about disaster preparedness for the hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations.

We hope to see you all at the night out and have the opportunity to share our knowledge with you so we all can build on our disaster preparedness.



## National Night Out

The SSLFD brings their inflatable firehouse (pictured at left) to National Night Out to demonstrate fire escape tips in the home.

## HOME FIRE ESCAPE Reminders:

- Check doors and door knobs for heat before opening. Touch its surface with the back of your hand. If it's Hot – Don't open the door.
- Open the door if cool to the touch.
- Close doors behind you.
- Stay low and crawl on the floor if there is smoke.
- Stay OUTSIDE once you are out of the home.





## Celebrate SSL: The Central Park Neighborhood

As South Salt Lake celebrates 2022 as the 'Year of the Neighborhood', we are highlighting the neighborhoods that make us unique and taking note of what makes them so special. Take a moment and find out about some of its history, landmarks, businesses, and what makes it uniquely a great neighborhood in South Salt Lake!

If you look on the original plat map for the neighborhood around 2700 South, you will see the words "Central Park" and wonder why. The original developer was inspired by the famous NYC park and the name stuck, not just on the blocks, but also on the Central Park Ward building, condos across the street and at the new(ish) Central Park, formerly Woodrow Wilson Elementary.

### Community Places

This neighborhood holds three of South Salt Lake's biggest destinations - City Hall, the Columbus Center and Central Park Community Center. All three of these sit on sites of former schools, including City Hall, which replaced Madison Elementary. The population grew older over the years, but kids have gained importance as these places became sites of afterschool programs, preschools, and parks, too. Every home in this neighborhood is within a few minutes' walk of a park, trail and community center. So get out and enjoy it!



### Ida & Laurie Bickley Park and the FitLot – 2508 South 500 East

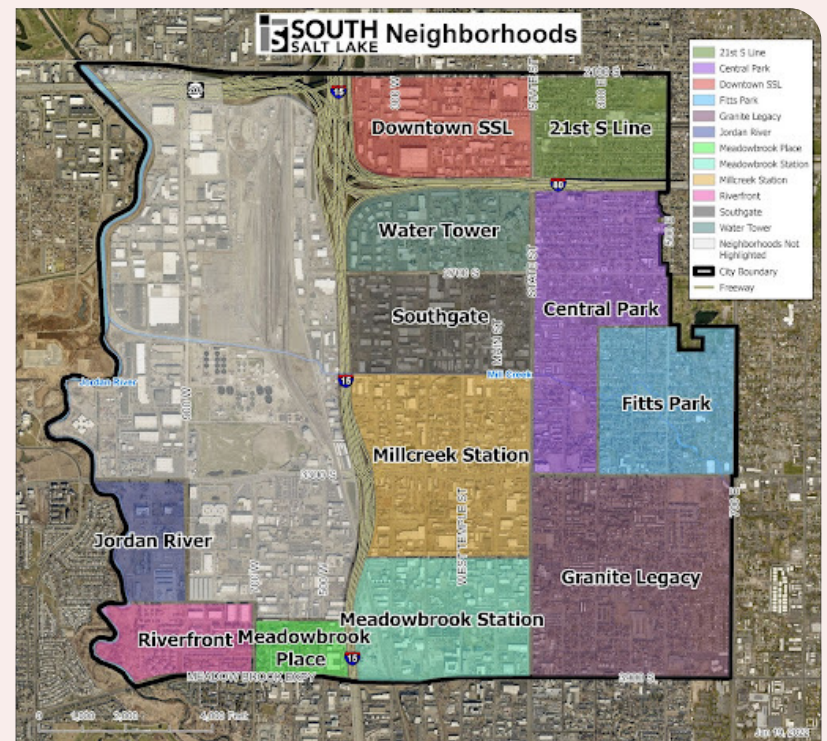
Adjacent to the Columbus Center, this all-ages and all-abilities park was named after two remarkable city residents: Ida and Laurie Bickley. This dynamic duo volunteered at the Columbus Library three days a week, for over 14 years (until Ida was 94 Years old). The city is honored to mark the impact of ordinary citizens on our City's history, fabric, and community!



### Fresh Donuts & Deli – 2699 S State Street



A favorite donut shop in dare we say it, the entire SL Valley! At our annual State of the City celebration (inside the Columbus Center Auditorium), talented staff members stacked up towers 8 donuts high on each table!



**Boundaries:** I-80 to 3300 South; State Street to 300 East, expanding to 500 East and north of 2800 South

**SSL City Council District:** LeAnne Huff, District 1

**Businesses:** State Street was the original Utah Highway, and because the first auto-oriented shopping strip in the state. Over time, some businesses closed, and others opened, but the character is largely the same. Many historic buildings, small businesses and flashy facades line the major streets here.

*Batteries & Bulbs, African Food Market, Burger King, Century 16 Theatre, Dolly's Donuts, Sound Warehouse, Family Dollar, Delice Bakery & Cafe, Pat's BBQ, Fresh Donuts & Deli, Best Chicken, Long Life Vegi House, The HERC, Famous Dave's Quick 'Que, 7-Eleven, Batista Food & Grill, Taco Land, Utah Thrift Kings*

**Housing Makeup:** The bungalows and cottages in this neighborhood are a mix of bungalows and cottages, many built prior to World War II. This neighborhood was a seamless extension of Sugar House until the construction of I-80 and then the conversion of 700 East to a state highway divided it. The neighborhood became a place of its own and only in the last few years has caught up in popularity (and prices) to neighborhoods further east.

**YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD.**  
MADE STRONGER BY **YOU**

Contact your  
Neighborhood Ambassador  
**801.464.6757**  
connect@ssl.gov

**Central Park**



## Check out the Co-Op!

at the Columbus Center  
2530 S 500 East

The Co-Op is a free place for our community to work and gather with access to the tools to help us connect, advance, and support one another.

Find help with:

- computers
- internet
- homework
- job searching
- small business
- banking & saving
- food
- housing
- childcare
- work space

## Grand Opening

### August Activities

23 5:00 pm Back to School

31 6:00 pm Art Night

### September Activities

Back to Business night

Senior Meet-n-Greet

**COMMUNITY  
OPPORTUNITY  
CENTER**



## COLUMBUS SENIOR CENTER

August Events — 2531 S 400 E

### SPECIAL LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Fridays at 10:30 am

Rich Dixon, August 12th

Clogging Grandmother, August 19th

### PRESENTATION

Thursdays at 10:30 am

Alissa "Name the Tune", August 4th

Reice Stein "Travel Log", August 18th

### WORKSHOPS

#### Stepping Up Your Nutrition

Thursday, August 11th

\*Anyone (55+), who is concerned about their Health, has chronic health conditions, or is interested in improving their nutrition and strength.

Pre-registration required

#### Dealing with Dementia

Wednesday, August 24th & 31st

\*This workshop provides effective strategies for dealing with dementia behaviors.

Please visit the front desk or call  
385-468-3340 to register



## August Beautiful Yard Award

CONGRATS TO ADAM AND STEPHANIE TON

Xeriscaping is definitely the growing trend for beautiful yards this summer in SSL. Wishing to conserve water as well as use of native plants, Adam and Stephanie took on the transition from turfgrass to water-saving landscaping in the fall of 2021. To get started, they sought out the help of a local landscape designer, Elizabeth "Liz" Haight of Xeriscape Design and Landscaping, who only a few months later passed on November 6, 2021. Saving water and money, in its first season, the rewards will just keep coming, as Liz explained, in its beauty and savings in the years to come!



you could even nominate a block for a Beautiful Street Award or Balcony. To do so, contact SSL Neighborhoods at 801-464-6757, or [connect@sslc.gov](mailto:connect@sslc.gov).







## Lunch on the Move

### Cluck Truck

**Wed, Aug 17**  
**11 a.m. - 2 p.m.**

SSL City Hall  
220 East Morris Ave, North Side

Discover a new food truck each month!



## FALL OUTDOOR SOCCER

Co-Ed: 4 yrs to 6th Grade  
Practices start the week of Sept 12  
Central Park Field (2797 S 300 East)  
Cost: \$25 for 1st child, \$20 for 2nd, \$15 for 3rd  
\$10 registrations with volunteer coach  
Deadline: August 24  
Register: [sslc.gov](http://sslc.gov)

## Slow Down SSL

To protect our families, children, pets, and ducks, all matter! Slow Down SSL signs are out again by popular demand, to remind us all to be mindful and heed the set speed limits while driving. Do your part and slow it down and eyes open to your surroundings! Signs can be picked up at SSL City Hall, 220 Morris Ave, 2nd Floor.



## The Fitts Park Community Garden!

On July 13, 2022, the naming resolution for the community garden across from Fitts Park at 3065 South 400 East was passed by the City Council. It will be known as the Fitts Park Community Garden!

The City wishes to thank the many who worked to make this garden possible, including staff members, our partners from Wasatch Community Gardens, and several community volunteers and current gardeners! May the crops be abundant, new friendships cultivated, and the gardens grow more than just produce!

For this season, all garden plots are being leased this season by 30+ community members. Want to be a part? Connect with the WCG Garden Manager, Giles Larsen at [giles@wasatchcommunitygardens.org](mailto:giles@wasatchcommunitygardens.org).



*Welcome Brooke Field, new Administrative Assistant for SSL's Recreation Team.*



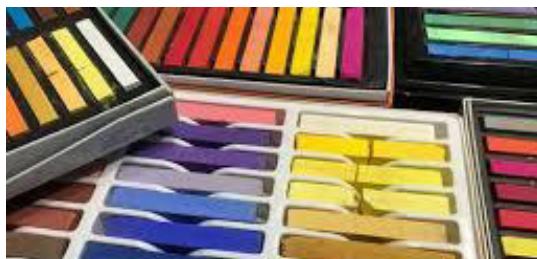
## Creative Arts for Life

### Play with Pastels

Wednesday, August 3, 10, 17, 24, 2022  
6:30-8:30 p.m.

Location: Historic Scott School

Instructor: Emma Goldgar, Bad Dog Arts



Join us to explore and play with pastels and pastel pencils. This is a medium that is very forgiving and versatile and can be used on a variety of surfaces. Emma will guide you through a myriad of techniques such as color blocking, blending, stippling, and layering to build layers and create painterly effects. She will also demonstrate creating an underpainting with alcohol. No prior experience is needed. Sign up at [www.sslarts.org](http://www.sslarts.org).

## Seven Vision Greenways Plan for the Mill Creek

In South Salt Lake, the Mill Creek flows through patches of residential, industrial, and park. The stream is nearly a straight line through the city and much of the channel is reinforced with concrete—devoid of habitat value. Natural stretches of Mill Creek at Fitts Park show promise for wildlife, trails, and community amenities. Find out the big ideas coming downstream for Mill Creek by attending this community walk on Saturday, September 10 starting at Fitts Park along with the folks from Seven Canyons Trust. To learn more, visit [sevengreenwaysvisionplan.org](http://sevengreenwaysvisionplan.org).





# Promise

## Lions and Tigers and Bears - and Planets and Stars and Birds, Oh My!



DEPARTMENT OF  
**WORKFORCE  
SERVICES**

A huge thank you to the Department of Workforce Services who provided funding for summer field trip opportunities. Our elementary youth were able to go to Hogle Zoo, Clark Planetarium, Loveland Living Planet Aquarium, and Tracy Aviary.



### 4th of July

We had so much fun participating in the 4th of July Festivities. Youth and staff came together to be part of the parade and then helped with the activities in the park. It was great seeing the community come together to celebrate and get to know one another.

## Great Summer Cook Off



Promise South Salt Lake and Salt Lake County Youth Services put on the 1st Annual Great Summer Cookoff and it was a savory success! The cooking competition was hosted by Salt Lake Culinary Education (SLICE) whose facility is worthy of the cooking shows you see on TV.



Teens from PSSSL and SLCo prepared in the weeks prior to the main event by participating in cooking clubs to practice their skills and decide on their menus. The teams were tasked to create an appetizer and the main dish to be presented to the judges which included representatives from the City of South Salt Lake, Sapa, and SLICE. The skills in the kitchen by the teens were notable and even had the professional chefs of SLICE impressed. Some of the dishes presented were ceviche, surf n' turf, wontons, and steak fries, but the winning dish came from the Utah International Charter School team who presented a Middle Eastern tabbouleh and Egyptian Koshary.



South Salt Lake has 13 neighborhood centers serving our community.

**Hser Ner Moo Community Center**  
2531 South 400 East (Columbus)  
801-828-7245

**Olene Walker Elementary**  
3751 South 900 West  
801-828-8219

**Historic Scott School Center**  
**Commonwealth Youth Center**  
3280 South 540 East  
801-803-3632

**Lincoln Community School**  
450 East 3700 South  
801-657-0416

**Utah International School**  
350 East Baird Circle  
801-520-7175

**Central Park / PAL Center**  
2797 South 200 East  
801-386-4949

**Best Buy Teen Tech Center**  
2531 South 400 East  
801-455-0994

**Woodrow Wilson School**  
2567 South Main Street  
801-386-0589

**Granite Park Jr. High**  
3031 South 200 East  
801-440-4499

**Meadowbrook Center**  
1125 West 3300 South  
801-828-8219

**Cottonwood High Promise**  
5715 South 1300 East  
385-630-9748

**Kearns Saint Ann Promise**  
430 East 2100 South  
385-630-9754

**Moss Elementary**  
4399 South 500 East  
385-258-6360